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SUBJ: IIAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 230035 (U)

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(U) THE SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IIAC ANALYSTS IS 5223, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

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(U) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS SIX ITEMS:

(1) CHINA

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(1) (~~SECRET~~) CHINA: NAVAL ACTIVITY.

(~~SECRET~~) PRESS REPORTING INDICATES THE PRC LUDA-CLASS DESTROYER AND FUJING-CLASS REFLEXISHMENT OILER WHICH HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING AN UNPRECEDENTED TRAINING CRUISE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARRIVED AT KARACHI ON 25 DEC. THE VISIT IS THE FIRST EVER FOREIGN PORT CALL FOR CHINESE NAVAL UNITS. THE SHIPS, WHICH REPORTEDLY ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE EAST SEA FLEET COMMANDER, ARE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AT THE PAKISTANI PORT THROUGH 13 DEC. FOLLOW-ON VISITS ARE SCHEDULED IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, AND CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH.

(S/NOFORN) THE CRUISE, WHICH BEGAN ON 15 NOV, PROVIDES A UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHINESE NAVY BUT IS NOT LIKELY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF SUBSTANTIAL BLUE-WATER OPERATIONS BY THE COASTAL DEFENSE-ORIENTED FORCE. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY VIEWS THE EXPEDITION MORE AS A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY NATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA THAN AS A MILITARY EXERCISE.

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(C) CHINA: DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NICARAGUA.

(J) ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL CHINESE PRESS, ON 27 DEC REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINA AND NICARAGUA SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THE COM-

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UNIQUE FURTHER STATED THAT "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA RECOGNIZES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND THAT TAIWAN IS AN INALIENABLE PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

(U) IN ADDITION, A XINHUA (CHINA NEWS AGENCY) REPORT INDICATED THAT NICARAGUA SEVERED ITS RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WHEN A VISITING NICARAGUAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BEIJING ON 25 DEC. TAIWAN'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED ON 25 DEC ITS DECISION TO SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA, CLOSE ITS EMBASSY IN MANAGUA, AND WITHDRAW ITS AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL MISSION.

(U) IPAC COMMENT: WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA, THE PRC NOW HAS FORMAL TIES WITH 133 COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THIS EVENT REPRESENTS MORE OF A POLITICAL LOSS FOR TAIPEI THAN A VICTORY FOR BEIJING, AS THE NUMBER OF NATIONS MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN NOW FALLS TO 23 (TO INCLUDE THE VATICAN). IN RECENT YEARS, CHINA HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IN CHIPPING AWAY AT THE NUMBER OF NATIONS WITH WHICH TAIPEI MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC TIES. MORE RECENTLY, BEIJING HAS CONCENTRATED ITS EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. THIS POLICY SERVES TO ISOLATE TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME ENHANCES BEIJING'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS.

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